



MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
HURRICANE KATRINA NEWS RELEASE
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HURRICANE KATRINA VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Jackson, Miss. – Mississippians and people across the world are asking about how to volunteer to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Thank you.

PROFESSIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

Professional search and rescue volunteers must contact MEMA Search and Rescue Support at 601-360-0937 to receive credentials allowing them to pass roadblocks.

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS

Please contact the following:

Nurses:

Miss. State Board of Nursing
Delia Owens
601-497-8022

Physicians and EMT's

Miss. State Board of Health
601-576-8085

NON-PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS

At this time we are working to improve access into affected areas, and establish food, water, shelter and sanitation. Once that is completed, we will be able to deploy volunteers.

Please contact volunteer organizations such as your local Red Cross, Salvation Army and local churches. The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) group will work with these organizations to coordinate volunteer manpower. You may also contact NVOAD at www.nvoad.org.

Once it is safe, hopefully in the next few days, we will have a reserve of volunteers that we can put to best use.

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